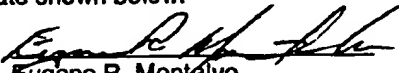


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Attorney for Assignee in the above captioned application, hereby files Appellant Shell Oil Company's Brief, following the filing of a Notice of Appeal on 24 February 2004. Shell Oil Company is assignee of the claimed invention pursuant to a Notice of Assignment recorded at Reel 014182 / Frame 0244 on 18 June 2003.

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